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Dear Interested Party

Business Renewables Buying Group application for authorisation AA1000634 — final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) has issued a determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by 1Circle Pty Ltd on behalf of the Business Renewables Buying Group (the **Group**) (together, the **Applicants**) on 31 January 2023.

The Applicants sought authorisation to form a joint renewable energy buying group in which the Group pools their electricity demand and conducts a joint procurement and negotiation process for the supply of electricity from renewable energy sources.

A copy of the ACCC's determination is attached, including a summary of its reasons. For the reasons set out in its determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation for 11 years. The ACCC's assessment is set out in Chapter 4 of its determination.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth), a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 19 April 2023. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into force on 20 April 2023.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal please refer to the tribunal's website located at <u>http://www.competitiontribunal.gov.au/</u>.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please do not hesitate to contact Penny Bigham on (07) 3052 1221.

Yours sincerely

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